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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yuichi YAMADA et al.) Prior Examiner: Q. Le
Application No.: 10/024,139) Prior Group Art Unit: 2878
Filed: December 21, 2001) March 13, 2002
For: SURFACE POSITION DETECTING)
METHOD)

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEMS IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application dated February 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the substitute specification as follows:

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 12, with the following. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached in Appendix A.

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-- Figures 14A through 14[D]C are schematic views for explaining a further example of measurement data check processing, in the light adjustment sequence of Figure 10. --